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Radiation

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Please consider the Response to Office Action and Petition for Extension of Time, which are being filed herewith.

The RCE fee of \$790.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) has been authorized via EFS to Deposit Account 04-0258. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 04-0258. Please contact the undersigned with any questions concerning this request or the above-identified patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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